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Macomb County Parks and Recreation announces the 2004 Summer Season of Events at Freedom Hill County Park

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STERLING HEIGHTS - The Macomb County Parks and Recreation Commission is delighted to announce Freedom Hill County Park's Summer Season of events. Once again residents of Macomb County will be able to attend fun filled events of all types for all ages.

The park events begin with the Macedonian Festival June 12 & 13, the anticipated Older American Festival is June 23, and the summer isn't summer without the famous Fourth of July fireworks and picnic. This year on Sunday, July 4, the park will have live entertainment with Rebel Heart performing under the pavilion, food concessions, and Zambelli Fireworks display at dusk. In July the festivals continue with a new one - St. Patty's Day in July, on July 17 & 18, joining the Polish and Italian. By mid summer you can bring your pet to pet shows and the car shows will be in full swing. September 11, Macomb County invites you to the L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive, a fun-filled day of live entertainment and fun for the whole family. Finally by the end of summer the Apple Harvest Festival will bring families in for one last festival and the Columbus Day Parade ends the season October 9.

June 4 begins the concert season with James Brown, the Godfather of Soul. Some of the favorites coming are Tom Jones, June 12, the WVMV Jazz Festival July 26 & 27, Brian McKnight July 17, Boston July 27, Wynonna August 8, and Travis Tritt September 4. This year Wednesdays will hosts a Jazz Series with national jazz entertainers performing.

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Current Event Listing. Events are added continually throughout the year. Please continue to check the web site at www.freedomhillcountypark.com for all updated events and more specific information on current events.

PARK EVENTS

June 12, 13 Macedonian Festival

Once again the Macedonians will return to Freedom Hill with delicious food, children's games, music and dancing. Saturday & Sunday, noon - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$6.

June 19 HarleyFest

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July 3 Movies Under the Stars

Ladies Home Journal & Dodge Caravan host an evening of entertainment & prizes. Saturday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

July 4 County Picnic/Fireworks

Once again Macomb County brings you the best fireworks in town!! Come early and picnic at the park. On the staged pavilion enjoy a mix of country, rock, motown music by Rebel Heart from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday, Noon - 11 p.m. Fireworks at dusk. Free admission; parking, \$5.

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Sept. 11 L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive

The Macomb County Food Program brings you a fun-filled day of entertainment while gathering food and funds for Macomb County families in need. This day-long event includes live entertainment for all ages, plus lots of fun for the kids, including moonwalks, face painting, and more. 2004 Corvette Raffle. Free admission and parking.

Sept.12 Battle of the Brits Car Show

The Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club and the Metro Triumph Riders invite you to Michigan's 22nd annual all-British car and motorcycle show. View England's finest bikes and cars from the '50s, '60s and '70s. Food and refreshments. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$8.

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October 9 Columbus Day Parade

New this year Freedom Hill welcomes the Columbus Day Parade which will march throughout the park. See Italian clubs, local businesses and high school marching bands. Saturday, doors open at 9:30 a.m., parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Free admission and parking.

CONCERTS

JUNE

June 4	James Brown
June 6	Moody Blues
June 12	Tom Jones
June 13	Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, & Gerald Levert & Anthony Hamilton
June 19	HarleyFest - Clutch Trapt, Tantric, Smile Empty Soul
June 20	Ben Folds Five, Guster & Rufus Wainwright
June 22	Indigo Girls
June 25	Michael Bublè
June 26	WVMV Jazz Festival featuring Isley Brothers, Joe Sample & Norman Brown
June 27	WVMV Jazz Festival featuring Boney James, Brian Culbertson & Maysa, featuring Michael Lington, Nick Colonne, Alexander Zonjic
June 29	Reel Big Fish's Coast to Coast Roast featuring RX Bandits, Catch 22 & Lucky Boy Confusion

JULY

July 3	Aaron Carter - Uncle Sam Jam
July 9	1964 - A Tribute to the Beatles
July 10	Diamond Rio & BlackHawk
July 11	Counting Crows
July 17	Brian McKnight
July 23	Tracy Lawrence
July 27	An evening with Boston
July 30	O.A.R. with Howie Day & Matt Nathanson

AUGUST

August 1	Boyz II Men, En Vogue, & Silk
August 6	102.7 Mason's Anniversary Show, The Manhattans featuring Gerald Austin & Blue Lovett, Blue Magic, Bloodstone, & Ray Goodman & Brown
August 7	Scintas
August 8	Wynonna
August 13	George Benson & Will Downing
August 15	Leann Rimes, Phil Vassar & Craig Morgan
August 27	BB King Blues Festival with BB King, Dr. John, Shemekia Copeland & Elvin Bishop

SEPTEMBER

September 4	Travis Tritt
September 9	Jack Johnson, G. Love & Special Sauce & Donavon Frankenrieter

Jazz Series- Wednesdays

JUNE

June 16	The Sax Pack featuring Jeff Kashiwa, Kim Waters, Steve Cole & Pieces of a Dream
June 30	Kirk Whalum & Joyce Cooling & Joe McBride

JULY

July 7	Alex Bugnon & Marion Meadows
July 14	Nelson Rangell, Gary Taylor & Joe McBride
July 21	Down to the Bone & The Braxton Brothers
July 28	Benoit/Freeman Project, & Angela Bofill

AUGUST

August 4	Najee & Roy Ayers
August 11	Groovin for Grover, featuring Gerald Albright, Richard Elliot, Paul Taylor, Jeff Lorber
August 18	Guitars & Saxes, featuring Euge Groove, Marc Antoine, Jeff Golub, Warren Hill
August 25	Rochelle Ferrell, Walter Beasley, Joe McBride

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Macomb County hosts L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive at Freedom Hill County Park

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STERLING HEIGHTS -The Macomb County Food Program will host the third annual “Let’s Eat - Food Drive” September 11 from Noon to 8 p.m. at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights. Bring the family to this free event and help other Macomb County families in need!

This day long event will include live entertainment for all ages, classic cars, fun for the kids including moonwalks, a petting zoo, and face painting. Refreshments, beer and some great food concessions will be available. This year a new Corvette will be raffled off along with more prizes. Macomb County VFWs and Macomb County Firestations will be involved, along with many local businesses all pitching in to help raise food and awareness of Macomb County families in need.

Families are encouraged to bring nonperishable foods, can goods, and toiletry items. The Macomb County Food Program will distribute all the donated items to the 45 food pantries throughout Macomb County which feed over 18,000 families in Macomb County. Last year the event raised over 36,000 pounds of food which fed approximately 2,400 people.

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Freedom Hill County Park hosts Country Western Dances and Dance Lessons

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STERLING HEIGHTS - Macomb County Parks and Recreation continues to bring Country Dances and Dance Lessons to the community. Country Dances will be held once a month from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. inside the Independence Building. Admission is \$8 and parking is free. During the summer season Country Dances will be held outside under the pavilion from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 and parking is free.

Outside Dance Dates: June 9, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18

Inside Dance Dates: September 10, October 1, November 5 & December 3.

On Thursday nights Freedom Hill County Park hosts Dance Lessons for beginners, advanced and couples. Admission for classes is \$5. Times are: 6:30 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Beginner Line; 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Intermediate Line and 8:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Couples. For more information on dances or classes contact Andy or Peggy at 586-795-8778.

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Macomb County Parks and Recreation continues Senior Swing Dances at Freedom Hill County Park

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STERLING HEIGHTS - Freedom Hill County Park is a popular spot for seniors young and old to enjoy swingin' on the dance floor. Not just once a month, but twice a month, seniors can dance the night away in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence building at 7 p.m. When weather allows the dances are held outside under the pavilion. Admission and parking are free.

The Tommy James Band plays the third Wednesday of each month and the Billy Rose Band plays the last Wednesday of each month. The 2004 schedule is:

June 16 & 30
July 21 & 28
August 18 & 25
September 15 & 29
October 20 & 27
November 17 & 24
December 15 & 29

Freedom Hill County Park is located at 15000 Metropolitan Parkway in Sterling Heights, Michigan, between Schoenherr and Utica Roads. For more information call (586) 979-7010 or visit our website at www.freedomhillcountypark.com

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PARK GROUNDS

Freedom Hill County Park has 100 acres of spacious, beautiful parkland. Mingling throughout the park visitors can enjoy covered pavilions, picnic areas, barbeque grills, a nature trail, military displays, the Metroparkway Hike and Bike Trail, a 4,000 seat outdoor Amphitheatre, a playscape, basketball court, volley ball area, rest rooms and the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building.

RALPH A. LIBERATO INDEPENDENCE BUILDING

The Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building is made up of The BiCentennial Room, a banquet facility which can accommodate 250 people for banquets, conferences, seminars, and two small conference rooms for smaller functions. Organizations, businesses and families can rent the building for private or public functions. The building has held weddings, showers, seminars, hearing and vision testing, emergency aid meetings, commission meetings, craft shows, dances, dance classes, and much more. Macomb County Parks and Recreation staff offices are located in the building.

PARK EVENTS

Freedom Hill County Park can host almost any function. Summer seasons usually include a variety of ethnic festivals, car shows, church festivals, concerts and Outdoor Markets every Wednesday. Organizations, businesses and families can rent the grounds for private or public events.

AMPHITHEATRE

The Amphitheatre is managed by Hillside Productions. The Amphitheatre has 4,000 seats and 3,000 lawn seats. This state-of-the-art facility is quickly spreading around the entertainment industry as one of the most up-close and intimate venues in the country, and the place to be "when the Stars come out at night." The Amphitheatre area includes a midway with concessions, rest rooms, the Hillside Club for season ticket holders with food and refreshments from Andiamo Italia, and a hospitality tent available for private parties.

LOCATION

The park is located at 15000 Metropolitan Parkway in Sterling Heights between Utica and Schoenherr Roads. (586) 979-7010; www.freedomhillcountypark.com.

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